

would, leaving Charles R. Wood's Division behind as a rear-guard—one brigade of which was entrenched across the road, with some of Kilpatrick's cavalry on the flanks. On the 22d of November Gen. G. W. Smith, with a division of troops, came out of Macon, attacked this brigade (Walcutt's) in position, and was handsomely repulsed and driven back into Macon. This brigade was in part armed with Spencer repeating rifles, and its fire was so rapid that Gen. Smith insists to this day that he encountered a whole division; but he is mistaken. He was beaten by one brigade (Walcutt's), and made no further efforts to molest our operations from that direction. Gen. Walcutt was wounded in the leg, and had to ride the rest of the distance to Savannah in a carriage.

LEGISLATURE IGNOMINIOUSLY FLED. Therefore, by the 23d I was in Milledgeville with the left wing, and was in full communication with the right wing at Gordon. The people of Milledgeville remained at home, except the Governor (Brown), the State officers, and Legislature, who had ignominiously fled in the utmost disorder and confusion, standing not on the order of their going, but going at once—some by rail, some by carriages, and many on foot.

Some of the citizens who remained behind described this flight of the "brave and patriotic" Gov. Brown. He had occupied a public building known as the "Governor's Mansion," and had hastily stripped it of carpets, curtains and furniture of all sorts, which were removed to a train of freight cars, which carried away these things—even the cabbages and vegetables from his kitchen and cellar—leaving behind muskets, ammunition, and the public archives.

On arrival at Milledgeville I occupied the same public mansion, and was soon overwhelmed with appeals for protection. Gen. Slocum had previously arrived with the Twentieth Corps, had taken up his quarters at the Milledgeville Hotel, established a good provost-guard, and excellent order was maintained. The most frantic appeals had been made by the Governor and Legislature for help from every quarter, and the people of the State had been called out en masse to resist and destroy the invaders of their homes and firesides.

Even the prisoners and convicts of the penitentiary were released on condition of serving as soldiers, and the cadets were taken from their military college for the same purpose. These constituted a small battalion, under Gen. Harry Wayne, a former officer of the United States Army, and son of the then Justice Wayne of the Supreme Court. But these hastily recruited east across the Oconee River, leaving us a good bridge, which we promptly secured.

CONSTITUTION IN THE SOUTH. At Milledgeville we found newspapers from all the South, and learned the consternation which had filled the Southern mind at our temerity, many charging that we were actually fleeing for our lives and seeking safety at the hands of our fleet on the seacoast. All demanded that we should be assailed, "front, flank, and rear"; that provisions should be destroyed in advance, so that we would starve; that bridges should be burned, roads obstructed, and no mercy shown us. Judging from the tone of the Southern press of that day, the outside world must have supposed us ruined and lost. I give a few of these appeals as samples, which to-day must sound strange to the parties who made them:

CORINTH, MISS., Nov. 18, 1864.
To the People of Georgia:
Arise for the defense of your native soil! Rally around your patriotic Governor and gallant soldiers! Obstruct and destroy all the roads in Sherman's front, flank, and rear, and his army will soon starve in your midst. Be confident. Be resolute. Trust in an overruling Providence, and success will soon crown your efforts. I listen to you in the defense of your homes and firesides.
G. T. BEAUREGARD.

RICHMOND, NOV. 18, 1864.
To the People of Georgia:
You have now the best opportunity ever presented to destroy the enemy. Put every thing at the disposal of our Generals; remove all provisions from the hands of the invader, and put all obstructions in his path.
Every citizen with his gun, and every negro with his spear and ax, can do the work of a soldier. You can destroy the enemy by retarding his march.
Georgians, be firm! Act promptly, and fear not!
R. H. HILL, Senator.

I most cordially approve the above.
JAMES A. SIMMONS, Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, NOV. 18, 1864.
We have had a special conference with President Davis and the Secretary of War, and are able to assure you that they have done and are still doing all that is possible to meet the emergency that presses upon you. Let every man fly to arms! Remove your negroes, horses, cattle and provisions from Sherman's army, and burn what you cannot carry. Burn all bridges, and block up the roads in his route. Assault the invader in front, flank, and rear by night and by day. Let him have no rest.
JULIAN HARRINGTON,
J. H. BROWN,
JOHN T. SIMMONS,
MARK BLANFORD,
JOHN M. LESTER,
JAS. M. SMITH,
Members of Congress.

A UNION LEGISLATURE FOR GEORGIA. Of course, we were rather amused than alarmed at these threats, and made light of the feeble opposition offered to our progress. Some of the officers (in the spirit of mischief) gathered together in the vacant Hall of Representatives, elected a Speaker, and constituted themselves the Legislature of the State of Georgia! A proposition was made to repeal the Ordinance of Secession, which was well debated, and resulted in its repeal by a fair vote! I was not present at these frolics, but heard of them at the time, and enjoyed the joke.

Every lady should read Mrs. Hudson's free offer to Invalid Ladies on page 6.

Samuel Bortie, Charlevoix, Mich., thinks all are entitled to pensions from date of discharge. He served three years in the 28th Wis.



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CHAPTER I.
IN THE COAL YARDS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Moderate excitement pervaded the community inhabiting the two or three score acres of monotonous similar frame houses forming the "Coal Yards Neighborhood" of the West Side of Chicago. "Moderate excitement" is used advisedly. The languor of the hot summer day that broiled fiercely over the square furlongs of low shingle roofs, over miles of unpaved, dusty, wheel-rutted streets, over endless stretches of board sidewalks, had been only rippled by the announcement that the body of a murdered man, turned up to the surface of the filthy water of the South Branch by the wheel of a propeller, had been drawn ashore, and was now lying in a coal shed awaiting the arrival of the Coroner.

Dragging corpses—at least of non-residents—out of that great open sewer, the South Branch, was too minor and frequent an incident to stir the Coal Yards Neighborhood more than superficially. "Blasphemous!" growled Wat Sparger, the Englishman who kept the corner grocery and butcher shop, when asked if he was going over to look at the body. "What's he got to do with it?" Some blooming 'gals' knocked another blooming 'gal' off the dock into the drink. Hoity toity! "At both 'em" 'em 'ad 'em together. Two blooming 'm's that blasted him in his damned town."

Wat Sparger was one of the Superior Beings of the Neighborhood, whose fibers were attuned to such high-class pleasures as a set-to between two first-rate men, a big fire, a scientific dog-fight, or a general riot. The lesser natures were deeply moved by casual "scraps" between "gents" who occupied the brown and yellow frame houses, and heaved coal in the yards, by impromptu collisions of the dogs of the Neighborhood, or by the efforts of the police to get to the lock-up some Coal Yards whose full load of beer disagreed with the politics or card playing of some other Coal Yards.

Hauling a murdered stranger out of the turbid South Branch raised to the proportions of an exciting incident. "No, he's not a plug," said Con Partell, the Irish drayman, who had been asked the question; "sames more like an out-of-town merchant or shorekeeper."

"Some jays from Oshkosh or Sheboygan," returned Wat Sparger, "come to town to have a fling on the money 'e got for 'is 'ogs. 'E's been tolled down Polk street and sand-barged."

The women of the Neighborhood showed more interest. They could be depended on to do that. The fact that the Coroner was coming to hold an inquest raised the excitement to the dignity and interest of a Neighborhood funeral. An experienced observer could always discover by the appearance of the women as he entered the Neighborhood whether anything unusual was going on. "Poor old Jack. The same old household employment, put on clean calico dresses, combed their hair, and were standing at their front gates in attitudes of easy watchfulness, while they picked their teeth with pins. He measured the magnitude of the event and the nervousness of his approach to its scene by the increase in the number of the dames in sleekly-combed hair and calico fresh from the ironing-board."

"There comes the Coroner now," said Con Partell, as a man with a G.A.R. button in his lapel descended laboriously from the horse-car. "Poor old Jack. The same old valley which kills me brother Jack off Jack's leg. He's gittin' fatter and clumsier every year, because he can't take proper exercise. I'm going to give him me arm."

"'E's gittin' bloody well paid for that bloomin' leg," growled Wat Sparger. "The Coroner's job's worth at least \$5,000 a year—twice 'e could make it 'd 'old legs."

"Well, both av me legs is cork, but cork ez they are, O' wuddent give av them for tin such jays as the Koroner's," said Con, as he started off to the assistance of the Coroner.

"'Bang that bloomin' old joke 'ho' yars," growled Wat, looking after him. "Both 'ho' yer legs is cork, because 'y were born in Cork. Yer alluz workin' 'til 'off. A few the-eldered Irishman 'as to 'ave 'is joke."

"Good morning, Mr. Sparger," said Coroner "Jack" Blaine, hanging his cane on his arm that he might use both hands in wiping the perspiration from the inside of his Panama. "This is a scorchin', isn't it? Hottest of the season."

"'Hits the weather 'eather weather 'eather. Heither 'old has to freeze 'or 'emals 'hot, but 'o' 'emals to roast 'eighs."

"Wat, you'd grumble if 'y wuz goin' to be hung," said Con. "Fwy don't 'y go back to old Highland, 'stead o' stayin' here and abusin' av Amerikins and our country?"

"'Y 'd Amerikins 'y are 'air not 'ho' yer teeth yet, 'y flannel-mouthed Mick."

The Coroner was used to these pleasantries of the Coal Yards Neighborhood. "Sorry I could not get here earlier," he resumed, "but I had two other inquests this morning. By times, I tell you, it is rebuilding the city costs as many lives as war. I'll have to summon you and Con on the jury. Find me some other men, please, to make up the number."

"Don't know as I can serve. 'Him not a citizen of 'is 'wornin' country. But about all the decent men are at their work. 'Er comes Kent 'Aliday for 'is breakfast. 'E's a printer, and don't go to work till one o'clock. Summon 'em."

Kent Halliday was impatient. "Well, I don't mind making a dollar this morning in the interests of justice and good Government," he remarked pleasantly. "Fetch out your stiff, and I'll 'view' him, according to the peace and dignity of the people of Illinois, and the statutes in that case made and provided."

Kent Halliday had yet to reach his 23d year. He had been brought up in the Coal Yards Neighborhood, where his father had labored and died, leaving the support of his mother to him. In the course of years he had developed from a "galley boy" in the Tribune office to a talented compositor, earning what was princely wages for the Coal Yards Neighborhood. He had a clear-cut, alert face, and decision of character shone out of his quick, gray-blue eyes.

Enough to complete the jury were soon collected, and the party, which had been increased by the arrival of the County Physician and three reporters, who looked as if the biggest bore in life was attendance upon Coroner's inquests, proceeded to the shed where the body lay.

"Been in the water over a week," said one of the reporters, with the ready judgment of long experience. "Stranger from the country—probably merchant in some little town," said the second.

"Between 45 and 50 years old, and fairly well-to-do," said the third.

"Cuts on the head made by propeller-wheels after death," said the County Physician, examining the face. "Have the body undressed for examination as to the cause of death."

No one volunteered for the task of handling the noisome, dripping thing. "Bring a couple of those men here," said the owner of the yard to the foreman, and indicating a group of loafers. "They're not afraid of soiling their hands. Doctor, these men are at your service."

"Take off his coat," ordered the Doctor. A new and fairly well made Prince Albert was stripped off with some difficulty, and as it was held up a sharp cry was found in the back some distance below the shoulder. "Ah," said the County Physician, with professional calmness, "we're getting at it at once. Stabbed in the back by a man who knew where to strike to reach the heart. Probably struck when the blow was unexpected. Hole probably just the size of the knife, showing that there was no struggle. Feel in the pockets."

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Examination of the coat pockets brought forth a handkerchief, a pair of thick gloves, and a pair of scissors. Kent Halliday looked inquiringly at the County Physician, who replied to his glance:

"The man had put on his best coat to



come to the city. He hadn't worn it before since last winter. The murderer has carefully removed all the papers. Either the possession of the papers was the object of the murder, or the murderer wanted to destroy the identity of the body, probably because he was the last man seen in company with his victim. But we may find something in the other pockets."

The vest pockets developed nothing but a couple of swollen and soggy cigars and the smaller half of a broken match-stem. The watch was gone, but a piece of broken chain still hung on the button-hole. The chain was rather heavy, of a peculiar pattern, and elaborately wrought.

"It was probably quite a fine watch for a man of his means to carry," said the County Physician to Kent. "He was very careful of it. This fastening shows he was afraid of having it snatched, and it must have been considerable trouble to him to change from one vest to another. The chain was very heavy, and apparently of unusually fine gold, for it has worn away where it rubbed against the satin, and the links have broken. A cheaper chain would have been harder and stronger. Still, we can't tell whether the watch was taken by his murderer or fell out of his pocket and was torn off by a propeller-wheel."

"Have you found nothing on the body yet to identify it?" asked a reporter in a somewhat grating, most unpleasantly on Kent's ear. It was not because it was cold and metallic, and had a ring of cruelty, but from some other quality, for which Kent had not as yet found a name. He raised his eyes from the fragments of the chain, and saw that the question had been asked by a man whom he had noticed in conversation with the proprietor of the yard, apparently on something connected with coal. His appearance was as little to Kent's liking as his voice. He was a man of 40 or thereabouts, with sandy mustache and goatee and very light-blue eyes, which he did not open wide. He was carefully dressed, but in a style a little too pronounced for a business or professional man, such as he assumed to be, and not quite loud enough for a gambler or a race-track "sport."

"No," answered the County Physician, "so far we have found absolutely nothing, but we may later."

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Kent felt that this utterance was in some way entirely insincere. On the tab of the shirt the initials "E. M. S." were worked in red thread. In the pantomons pockets were a knife, a Mexican silver dollar, a ring of keys with a metal tab, on which was stamped "E. M. S.," and one of the folding pocket-knives in use at the time for carrying fractional currency.

When this was opened it was found to contain \$2.65 in worn pieces of small denominations. "Looks as if he was a retail merchant, who had to work off a great deal of the mutilated small change he took in," said the County Physician.

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pretending to talk to the owner of the yard, he was letting nothing that occurred around the body escape him.

"I have seen that man around two or three times lately, when bodies have been taken from the river," said the County Physician, noticing the direction of Kent's gaze. "Last time was in a lumber yard, and he seemed to be buying lumber. Wonder who he can be?"

The body was now completely undressed, and the examination concluded with a view of the purple lips of the little wound through which the deadly knife had entered.

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reminded him of the dead man. He started forward impulsively.

"Fwat's stung ye, ye little devil?" asked Con.

"See there—see there," said Kent: "I do believe that's his daughter come to look for him."

"The sight of that still's wrought on his brain," growled Wat Sparger. "'E's been workin' 'til 'ard o' late."

"Fwere is she?" inquired Con, with more interest than the curb. The one with the carpet-bag in her hand.

Half a dozen of the clamorous hackmen had noticed the girl, and rushed for her. At that time the hackmen of Chicago had among them as true villains, as the world could furnish, as Kent saw one of the most notorious of his class in the lead, and with as near a smile of welcome as he could breathe upon his evil face, as he said:

"Where'd you want to go, Miss? Take you anywhere, Miss. This is my carriage. Step right in."

"I don't know just where I want to go," said the girl, confusedly. "I've come here to look for my father."

"Step right in, an' I'll take you to him," Kent could stand no more.

"I see that girl, you infernal scoundrel. Miss, don't have anything to do with him," he shouted, and in his earnestness caught hold of her arm.

"G'way, you paper-faced brat," said the hackman, whirling Kent across the sidewalk with a sweep of his powerful arm. "Here, Miss, ride this way."

"Take me of yer own size, Mick Hogan, ye thafe o' the wurld," said Con, rushing up with his fists doubled.

"Mick's my size, Con," said Wat Sparger, stepping in between Con and the hackman. "Let me an' Mick have it. You find a lighter weight."

The delighted crowd formed a ring, but as the round was getting interesting a squad of depot police broke through and dragged Kent, Wat, Con, the hackman and one or two of his most offensive colleagues off to the Station.

(To be continued.)

BASIL KANARIS.

A Romantic Story of the Cretan Struggle for Freedom.

BY JOHN McELROY.

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SUMMARY OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

I. Marcus Kallimakis, the wealthiest farmer in Crete, returns from his field work to his house, which is kept by his beautiful daughter Ida, who sets before him his mid-day meal. As they begin to eat, "Papa" Demetrios, the priest, and an intimate friend, arrives with the terrible news that the Pasha has decided to present Ida to the Sultan, for the purpose of gaining his own interest.

II. Basil Kanaris, a young Sphakiot Chief, and the owner of a mill in the mountains, is the betrothed of Ida. It is decided to hurry matters to bring him to his rescue. A messenger sent out has his horse shot down before he passes out of their sight. They hurry off their messengers on foot.

III. The Aga Yusuf arrives to take Ida away. He paints a glowing picture of the grandeur and happiness of a life in the Sultan's palace. Ida declares that she will die as other Greek women have done before she will go. Roused by her brave words, the Aga, but only inflames a flesh wound. She is caught and held, and her father and Papa Demetrios are stricken down by the scimitars of the kavasses.

IV. Basil Kanaris and his band, fearful of harm to the Kallimakis household, start in hot haste for the household. They do not reach there until after dark, and find evidences to confirm their fears.

V. The Kallimakis is carried off toward Retimo by Aga Yusuf, and is stolen from him in the night by deserting kavasses. Basil, misled, follows after the other party toward Kania, and has a fearful fight with Ibrahim, whom he nearly killed, and captures the plunder.

VI. Resolving to die at once rather than go to a fate more dreadful to her than death, Ida Kallimakis forces her way over the edge of the road along the mountain precipice, expecting to be dashed to pieces in the dark, unseen depths. But, unexpectedly, she falls into the top of a large tree that reaches that point nearly to the level of the road, and finally reaches the ground with only some hurts and scratches to herself and pony. She starts out through the darkness to reach a place of safety, and finally comes to the village of the Monastery of the Prophet Elias, with the kavasses in pursuit. The monks have never permitted any woman to enter, but the Superior finally consents her to a neighboring cavern, and there she is well cared for. The monks go out ostensibly bird-hunting, but the kavasses understand that they are not wanted there, and do not enter the cavern.

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